Road accidents in Delhi

334. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that occured in Delhi during the last 3 years and the number of persons injured and killed in these accidents; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to prevent road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The details are as below:

Years	No. of Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
2000	10245	1989	8771
2001	9344	1842	8449
2002	8699	1696	7929

(b) Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under:

(1) Cranes and ambulances are provided to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accidents Relief Service Scheme.

(2) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(4) Encouraging use of simulators in drivers' training.

(5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/ individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.